

WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 21, 2005.

IN THE COAST GUARD

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Larry L. Hereth, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) Robert J. Papp, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) Clifford I. Pearson, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) James C. Van Sice, 0000

The following named individual for appointment as a permanent regular officer in the United States Coast Guard in the grade indicated under Title 14, U.S.C., section 211:

To be lieutenant commander

Kathryn C. Dunbar, 0000

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Subject to qualifications provided by law, the following permanent appointment to the grades indicated in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

To be lieutenant

Daniel J Price
Stephen Z Kroening
Jessica S Kondel
Shannon M Ristau
Nicole S Lambert
Chadwick A Brown
Nicole D Colasacco
Chad M Cary
Jennifer E Pralgo
Sean D Cimilluca
Charles J Yoos III
Keith A Golden
Shawn Maddock
William D Whitmore
Douglas E MacIntyre
Sarah L Dunsford
Sarah K Mrozek
Joshua D Bauman

To be lieutenant (junior grade)

Michael C Davidson
David E Fischman
Silas M Ayers
Paul A Householder
Nicola Samuelson
Patrick L Murphy
Colin D Little
Lean A Harman
Jason R Mansour
Michael J Stevenson
Briana J Welton
Abigail S Higgins
Brent J Pounds
Amanda L Goeller
Sarah E Jackson
Timothy D Salisbury
Benjamin S Sniffen
Mark A Blankenship
Fionna J Matheson
Jonathan E Taylor
Andrew P Halbach
Nathan S Priester
William I Wells
Sarah K Jones
Stephen P Barry

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nominations:

Victoria Nuland, PN 511, permanent representative on the Council of NATO; John Tefft, PN 523, Ambassador to Georgia; David Wilkins, PN-455, Ambassador to Canada; William Eaton,

PN-503, Ambassador to Republic of Panama; James Derham, PN-480, Ambassador to Guatemala; Paul Trivelli, PN-509, Ambassador to Republic of Nicaragua; Linda Jewell, PN-522, Ambassador to Republic of Ecuador; Sean Ian McCormack, PN-351, Assistant Secretary of State; provided further that the Senate proceed to their consideration en bloc, the nominations be confirmed, that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Victoria Nuland, of Connecticut, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Services, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

John F. Tefft, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Georgia.

David Horton Wilkins, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Canada.

William Alan Eaton, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Panama.

James M. Derham, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guatemala.

Paul A. Trivelli, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Nicaragua.

Linda Jewell, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Ecuador.

Sean Ian McCormack, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Public Affairs).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONAL RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to consideration of H. Con. Res. 167, the adjournment resolution, which is at the desk. I further ask consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 167) was agreed to, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 167

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, May 26, 2005, or Friday, May 27, 2005, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2005, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns on Thursday, May 26, 2005, or Friday, May 27, 2005, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Monday, June 6, 2005, or Tuesday, June 7, 2005, or until such other time on either of those days as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law and by concurrent action of the two Houses or by order of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SIGNING AUTHORIZATION

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that during the adjournment of the Senate, the majority leader, majority whip, and senior Senator from Virginia be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the Senate's adjournment, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters on June 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of majority and minority leaders of the Senate and Speaker minority leader of the House of Representatives, pursuant to section 301 of Public Law 104-1, as amended by Public Law 108-349, announces the joint redesignation of the following individual, as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Susan S. Robfogel of New York.

The Chair, on behalf of the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and the Speaker and minority leader of the House of Representatives, pursuant to section 301 of Public Law 104-1, as amended by Public Law 108-349, announces the joint reappointment of the following individual as members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Barbara L. Camens of the District of Columbia and Roberta L. Holzwarth of Illinois.

DESIGNATING THE "ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE, SR., POST OFFICE BUILDING"

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1760 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1760) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard in Madison, Wisconsin, as the "Robert M. La Follette, Sr., Post Office Building."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today in support of H.R. 1760, which would name a Post Office in Madison, WI as the "Robert M. La Follette, Sr. Post Office Building." This passage of this legislation is timely, coming shortly before what would have been La Follette's 150th birthday next month.

Robert La Follette was born into a farming family in Primrose, WI, on June 14, 1855. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, he served as the District Attorney for Dane County. He would go on to serve the State of Wisconsin as a Congressman, the Governor, and a U.S. Senator. Throughout his career, he fought on behalf of the people, not the politics. He truly embodied the "fighting" spirit of the people of Wisconsin.

As Governor, La Follette instituted direct primary elections, allowing the people to choose their representatives, rather than having the party leaders chose them. His reform efforts in the State, and his excellent speaking style, placed him in the national spotlight. In 1906, La Follette joined the U.S. Senate, where he would remain until his death in 1925.

It was as a U.S. Senator that La Follette truly launched a national pro-

gressive movement. He protested the corruption of government and the influence of large corporations on political leaders. He argued in favor of women's suffrage, worker's rights and racial equality. He fought for economic and social reform to remove power from the few and place it in the hands of the many.

La Follette's fighting spirit and drive for reform have prevented him from falling out of the Nation's consciousness. Nowhere is this truer than in Wisconsin, the State he served so tirelessly for more than 30 years. His legacy is alive in the people of Wisconsin, who so often embody his pioneering spirit of reform. His legacy is alive in the United States Senate, where we continue to fight for honesty in politics. For all these reasons, I urge my colleague to join me in support of H.R. 1760, to commemorate the legacy, and celebrate the life of Robert "Fighting Bob" La Follette.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 1760) was read the third time and passed.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OKLAHOMA INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 159, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 159) recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association and its members' vital contribution to the oil and gas industry of the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, today I rise in support of this resolution recognizing the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association on its 50th anniversary and also recognizing its members' vital contribution to the oil and gas industry of the United States.

The Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association—OIPA—was founded by Roy Woods on January 13, 1955. Roy Woods and other founders possessed the leadership and vision to establish a unified voice for independent crude oil and natural gas producers.

The founders were independent oil and natural gas producers, and its membership still comprises independents, both large and small.

OIPA is my State's largest oil and gas advocacy group, representing over 1,500 member companies in the crude oil and natural gas exploration/production industry, as well as affiliated busi-

nesses. OIPA is also a member of the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

OIPA's mission is to enhance and protect the ability of Oklahoma's independent oil and natural gas producers to conduct their business and to ensure a strong energy supply.

OIPA is a proactive and diverse organization striving to provide a broad range of services to its members and the industry it supports.

OIPA has worked successfully on behalf of Oklahoma independent producers on State and national issues, advocating for State and national governmental policies that protect and enhance the Oklahoma independent producers' ability to do business.

Most recently, I have worked with OIPA in the introduction of the Natural Gas Production Act of 2005—S. 926, which I introduced, that would extend section 29 to include natural gas produced from depths below 15,000 feet. This bill is strongly supported by OIPA members and I thank them for their support.

The Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association has been and will continue to be an invaluable asset in developing and promoting the oil and gas industry in the United States.

I am introducing this resolution as an expression of my appreciation. I congratulate the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association for its 50-year history and its contributions to the oil and gas industry in Oklahoma and the United States.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table en bloc, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 159) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 159

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association was founded and incorporated in the State of Oklahoma on January 13, 1955;

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association was founded by independent oil and natural gas producers, and its membership is still comprised of independent producers, both large and small;

Whereas the founders of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association possessed the leadership and vision to establish a unified voice for independent crude oil and natural gas producers;

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association is the largest oil and gas advocacy group in the State, representing over 1,500 member companies in the crude oil and natural gas exploration and production industry and affiliated businesses;

Whereas the mission of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association is to enhance and protect the ability of independent oil and natural gas producers in Oklahoma to conduct their business and to ensure energy supply;

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association is a rarity in State oil and